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Two persons might be able to aid materially in the solution of the case. SEARCH FOR FORMER BUTLER KEPT UP.

The developments, however, will not lead the detectives away from their determination to locate Edward F. Sands, said also to be Edward Fitz Strathmore, Taylor's former butler.

He loomed up as a more important figure to-day after a well authenticated story was told of his having made threats to kill Taylor, one death threat having been sent within the week. While the police have been unable to find him since Taylor some time ago charged him with forgery and theft, reliable information is that he was in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Neva Gerber, film actress, said to-day that Taylor, to whom she once was betrothed, had received letters before the war from his mother, in London, and that she understood both his mother and his daughter had been killed in a German air raid in London. Her marriage to Taylor, she said, was abandoned because they "both believed it unsuitable."

That Taylor may have had a secret enemy is indicated by a story told by Theodore Kosloff, dancer. He said about two weeks ago he was "on location" with Taylor in the country. They were walking together when suddenly from behind a clump of bushes a man sprang toward Taylor. They faced each other for a moment and then the stranger walked away. Taylor offered no explanation of the strange occurrence.

The belief that Taylor's daughter is living in Mamaroneck is based on a letter found in his safe deposit box from her, postmarked Mamaroneck. The Public Administrator said he had telegraphed her, and received a reply, asking him not to disclose her exact whereabouts.

Unless some sudden development clears up the mystery, the investigation will go deeply into the life of the moving picture colonies. A new feature is a mystic love cult, into the strange life of the leaders of which Taylor may have dipped in his search for "loved colors." The cult is said to be sponsored by the devotees who have inspired some fanatic to kill Taylor, some of the detectives believe.

Taylor, as a "man of mystery," was fond of searching into unfrequented places and among unusual people for material that would catch in the professional works. This newly discovered fact has made it more difficult for the police to solve the murder.

REVEACTIONS MAY SHOCK WORLD OF MOVIE FANS.

Every one who has come into contact with the slain director, no matter how remotely, is being questioned. Things that may shock the world of moving picture fans are destined to come out of the mystery, it is said. Popular stars, male and female, may be searched and, unless before the investigation is over, and all the sins of the cinema colony will be made known. "Dope" flenda will figure in the tale before it is all told, and strange effeminate men and peculiarly masculine women.

For the inquest to-day subpoenas have been served on more than half a score of film stars and men prominent in the motion picture industry. Among those who will testify will be Mary Miles Minter, Douglas MacLean, Mabel Normand, Edna Purviance, Charles Elyton, Mrs. Douglas MacLean, Mrs. Julia Crawford Ives and Miss Claire Windsor.

The inquest will be conducted by Coroner Nance.

One important fact was brought out opening up theories of possible robbery as a motive. It was known to several friends that on Wednesday Taylor had in his possession in gold and currency \$2,000. He had intended putting this money in the bank the following day, but for some unknown reason he visited the bank late Wednesday and deposited the money.

It is believed that if robbery was the motive the burglar, after firing the shot, became frightened that the noise might have started some persons in the neighborhood and fled without attempting to steal anything. Taylor was a man who never would have obeyed an order to "Put up your hands," his friends say.

Mr. Taylor and a prominent moving picture star called at the home of Miss Claire Windsor on Wednesday night and asked to take Claire to a party at the Ambassador Hotel, Claire went.

It is declared that Taylor some few days later took Miss Windsor to another party, and that nothing was heard of her again until yesterday morning, some hours after Taylor was found dead in his apartment.

An investigation was also put under way to determine whether or not the mysterious telephone calls frequently received by Taylor might lead to the identity of the murderer. The director, his friends say, often told of the calls in the night. When he answered there was no answer, it is said.

Taylor liked to talk about books and plays, and other people, about psychology and the future of humanity, and the future of the photoplay.

His apartment was luxuriously furnished, and the pictures of beautiful women were everywhere. It was remarked, however, that Miss Normand's picture hung about his bed.

Of the jewelry, perhaps the chain diamond ring, valued at \$2,500, is the best known to his friends. There was perhaps \$20,000 worth of jewels in the apartment when Taylor was killed.

His friends describe him as witty, the girls say he loved to tease them. Recently, said his friends, he had been visiting the queer places in Los Angeles, where guests are served

with opium and morphine, where the drugs are wheeled in on tea carts. "It was not odd," they say. "He was looking for color." He was always seeking the bizarre, the unbelievable, the unusual. All phases of life interested him. All types of men and women fascinated him. He did not indulge in dope himself, but he wanted to see what sort of men and women did indulge, and he wanted to see how it acted, and how they reacted to it."

The committee of investigation organized by the directing heads of the combined motion picture corporations to aid the police in running down the murderer is headed by Major Maurice Campbell, a personal friend of the slain man and husband of Henrietta Crossman. Most of the members of this committee are former army officers and personal friends of Taylor.

Taylor's funeral will be made one of the most picturesque seen on the West Coast. It will be held some time next week, after his daughter, Mabel Daisy Taylor, has been located. The Overseas Club, composed of veterans of the British armies, will take part. Taylor was in the Canadian army and was a Captain when he retired. All the motion picture stars in the West will attend.

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In the procession will be an escort of Canadian officers, a firing squad of Canadian ex-service men, and a Scottish band to play the funeral dirge on bagpipes. Taylor is to have a British military burial, according to present plans.

The value of Taylor's estate is not estimated, but it is known to exceed \$50,000, according to the Public Administrator.

That Sands was not the real name of Taylor's former butler is believed by A. A. Tomlinson, an accountant, who said he recognized Sands from a picture as a man named Strathmore.

"He was assigned to Columbus, O., during the war," said Tomlinson. "I was head of the finance department, and as Strathmore had been a chief petty officer in the navy I asked that he be transferred to my department. This was done. He is wanted for desertion. I met him in Los Angeles July 4, 1920, and notified the police, but he escaped. Strathmore gave me a number of books. In one I made out the name 'Sands,' although an effort had been made to erase it. In his handwriting is the entry: 'C. O. Perry' and 'Brooklyn, N. Y.'"

Mrs. C. P. Le Berthon, No. 952 52d Street, Brooklyn, told an Evening World reporter this morning that her son, Philip Perry Le Berthon, nine years old, had been in the navy nearly four years and will soon be discharged. He left Seton Hall College suddenly, she said, and enlisted in the navy. His letters two years ago indicated that he had visited Los Angeles at that time, but not since, so far as his mother knows. She said neither she nor her husband, a lamp manufacturer, had heard of Tomlinson, Sands or Strathmore.

"Dapper Dan," Collins, alleged master blackmailer, in "wanted for questioning" in connection with the murder of Taylor, according to private investigators of the murder. "Dapper Dan" is now at large. Detectives said, with a price of \$5,000 on his head following the Reid shooting in the "Dapper Dan" Collins, from Denver, from Denver to Salt Lake and from there to Los Angeles. He recently escaped a trap set for him here when a motion picture actress, whom it was alleged he was attempting to use as a tool in another blackmail project, informed on him. Detectives are attempting to establish whether or not this notorious scheme involved Taylor's mystery-shrouded past.

Acquaintances of "Dapper Dan" told investigators, according to the latter, that Collins had boasted his intention of "finishing this deal single-handed since his come-on girl had crossed him up."

SLAIN DIRECTOR LIVED HERE; WED A FLORODORA GIRL

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Chapters in the life of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director who was slain in Los Angeles Wednesday night, were described here to-day by friends who said they knew him well.

Prior to 1908, as William Deane-Tanner, an art connoisseur, Taylor was manager for a prominent New York firm of art and antique furniture dealers, and had a wide circle of friends, it was said.

In 1901, he secretly married Miss Ethel May Harrison, a member of the original Florodora Company, and they had a child, Ethel, now fourteen years old, according to Chicago friends.

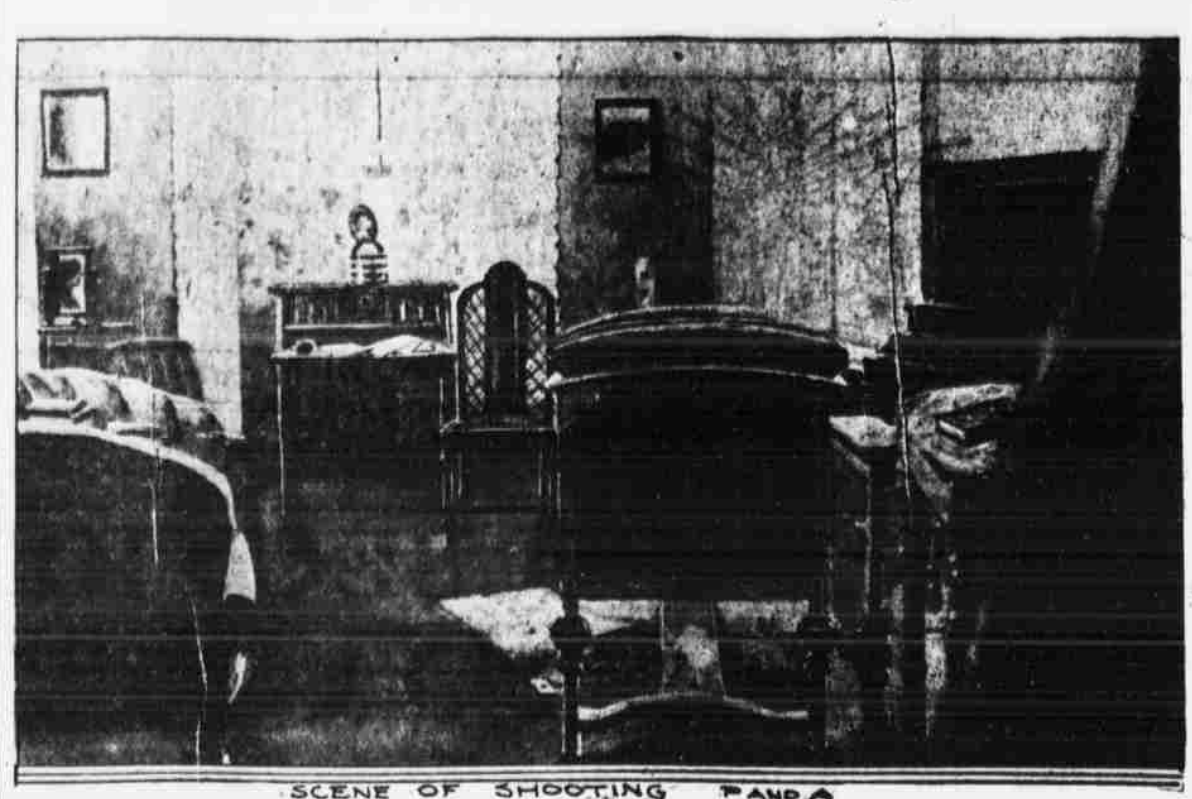
In 1908, he suddenly disappeared in a motor car on his way to work, and was unable to give any clue to his whereabouts or to assign any reason for his actions. Several years later she obtained a divorce and since has married a prominent New York merchant, according to this source.

About two years later Tanner, surprised by the fact that his wife was calling at their homes in Los Angeles, and is reported to have said he had been shanghaied at night in lower Broadway, New York, and taken aboard a sailing vessel bound round Cape Horn. He reached a port on the Pacific northwest coast several months later, went to work for the Trans-Continental Railroad and subsequently sought employment in a mine after which he went to Los Angeles. Tanner, however, is said to have shown a reluctance in discussing his past life, and in interviews did not explain why he failed to return to his family and friends.

He never was known as Tanner in Los Angeles.

In 1910 he left Los Angeles and it was assumed he was going to British Columbia to resume railroad work. He had not been successful in the former city. He returned to Los Angeles about 1913 and soon obtained a

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SCENE OF SHOOTING FANDA

This photograph, sent by telegraph from Los Angeles to New York, shows the room in which William D. Taylor was shot to death on Wednesday night. The director was seated at the writing desk at the window in the chair shown at the side. The

police theory is that the assassin was hidden behind the piano, where he could not be seen by Taylor on the latter's return from escorting Miss Normand to her car.

ARMS CONFERENCE CONCLUDES ACTUAL WORK ON TREATIES

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position with a motion picture concern at Long Beach. He explained that he had played in theatrical stock companies during his absence from Los Angeles and this stage experience, they believe, was the foundation of his success in the motion picture field.

For a year or more he was connected with the Balboa Film Company in Long Beach and advanced to a directorship in important companies in Hollywood. His life since then, with his advancement to the forefront as a director, is a matter of screen history.

Strathmore Deserted Army in 1919. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 4.—Edward F. Strathmore deserted from the United States Army here in July, 1919, according to records at Columbus barracks. Strathmore was a clerk in the Paymaster's Department, and disappeared, according to army officers, following an attempt to cash an alleged forged check for \$450. Request for finger print records of Strathmore was received here to-day from Arnold A. Tomlinson of Los Angeles, former Lieutenant and Paymaster under whom Strathmore served at Columbus barracks. The record, however, had been forwarded to the War Department at Washington.

While to-day's work virtually completed the work of the Conference, it will formally be closed Monday with an address by President Harding. All delegates are making arrangements to return to their homes immediately afterward.

SOVIETS TO ABOLISH SECRET SERVICE

The Cheka, a Wholesale Executioner During the "Red Terror," to Be Ended.

MOSCOW, Feb. 4.—The extraordinary Commission for Combating Counter-Revolution—the "Cheka"—will be abolished shortly.

The Cheka functioned as the Soviet Secret Service. It was organized shortly after the seizure of the Government by the Bolsheviks in 1917, and aroused world-wide attention by its wholesale executions during the "Red Terror."

For some time Lenin has declared the Cheka has outlived its usefulness.

The Cheka's history, according to news despatches, has been bloody. It is held responsible for the death of Grand Duke Nicholas and numerous others of the old aristocracy.

ARRESTED TRYING TO CASH MONEY ORDER

Part of Post Office Loot. U. S. Inspectors Allege.

Frank Gray, who said he lived in the Statler Hotel, Buffalo, was arrested to-day before Federal Commissioner Hitchcock charged with possessing stolen money orders. Gray, who has served five years in the Atlanta Penitentiary for blowing a New Jersey post office safe, was arrested yesterday by Policeman Dwyer of the special financial district squad.

Manager Frank W. Raymond of Couch & Fitzgerald, No. 177 Broadway, became suspicious when a \$71.25 money order was tendered for a \$18 trunk and sent for a good reason. Dwyer arrested Gray, in whose pockets were said to have been found eight money orders. Post office inspectors said they were part of the loot of a safe robbery in a Detroit post office.

CHICAGO GRAND JURY ASKS FOR LIGHT WINES AND BEER LAWS

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The passage of laws permitting the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines, without license, was recommended by the January Cook County Grand Jury in its final report just submitted to Chief Justice George C. Kerner. The jurors declared the recommendation was prompted by the large number of major crimes which were caused by moonshine and other illicit whiskey.

WALTER H. RYAN, of No. 143 West 424th Street, Manhattan, a prisoner in the Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, was found dead in his cell, No. 1, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

He was hanging from a rope attached to the roof of the cell. He was wearing a sentence for robbery in the first degree. He had been acquitted of homicide recently.

WOULD DROP 1,000 U. S. ARMY OFFICERS

Gen. Pershing Has Bill Introduced in Congress to Authorize Cuts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—A reduction of officers in the American Army to 12,234 is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Wadsworth of New York. The measure was prepared by Gen. Pershing, Chief of Staff. The National Defense Act provides for 17,000 officers, but this number never has been appointed. The reduction is intended to cover a period of two years, and the immediate eliminations are not expected to number more than 1,000.

A "plucking board" consisting of five general officers would weed out the inefficient officers under the terms of the bill. This means such an exhibition of logrolling and exertion of influence as has not been seen in recent years.

STRIKE IN GERMANY EXTENDS ITS SCOPE

Postal and Telegraph Men and Municipal Workers Expected to Quit To-day.

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (Associated Press).—An extension of the railway strike to take in the men employed in the repair shops now brings the number of strikers to approximately 60,000 in Berlin and 200,000 throughout the country. Mediation by the General Manufacturers' Union is contemplated. The union is holding conferences with prominent industrial magnates and with Chancellor Wirth, but the result of these discussions has not been made known.

There is considerable unrest among the Berlin postal and telegraph workers and it is considered a strike is not impossible.

Berlin's gas, electric and water supply would be imperiled by a strike of municipal workers, and tramway service would be crippled.

DUKE OF LEINSTER DIES; PREMIER IRISH PEER

Born in 1857 and Is Succeeded by Lord Edward Fitzgerald.

EDINBURGH, Feb. 4.—Announcement was made to-day of the death of the Duke of Leinster (Maurice Fitzgerald), sixth of his line, and premier peer of Ireland. He was born in 1857 and succeeded to the title in 1920.

The Duke was unmarried and the heir is his brother, Lord Edward Fitzgerald. The elder brother of the Duke, Lord Desmond Fitzgerald, a major in the Irish Guards, was killed in action during the war.

TRIES THREE WAYS TO DIE—BUT HE'S ALIVE.

Frank Barrell, No. 7 Debevoise Place, Brooklyn, a Negro, cut his wrist with a razor this morning, shot himself in the head with a .22-calibre revolver, then lay on the floor and turned on the gas. Neighbors smelled the gas and Barrell was taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital, where he is recovering.

DEAD—MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO WOOD ALCOHOL

Ambulance Surgeon Fegan of Flower Hospital was called to the home of Stanislaus Nicowsky, No. 555 West 4th Street, on his wife's report that he had been taken suddenly ill at 8 o'clock to-day. Nicowsky was dead when the surgeon arrived. A bottle which had contained wood alcohol, the surgeon said, lay beside him.

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Mother and Brother of Bride Among Forty Guests at Church as Couple Steal March on Curious Crowds Who Awaited the Ceremony.

Their wedding ceremony performed a day in advance of the announced time, Mrs. Marion B. Ream Stephens Vonsiatzky - Vonsiatzky and her young Russian husband are to-day on their honeymoon in Atlantic City. They were married at 8.15 o'clock last night in the Russian Greek Catholic Cathedral, 97th Street, between Fifth and Madison Avenues, in comparative secret. There were only forty, especially invited guests present, among them the bride's mother, Mrs. Norman B. Ream, widow of the Chicago millionaire, and the bride's brother.

So secretly were the plans for the wedding carried out that the invited guests, arriving in motor cars, parked the vehicles at least half a block from the Cathedral and then walked to the door. The latter was kept locked until a summons by knocking brought some one to open it. This person, knowing all the intended guests, inspected those requesting admittance and, upon recognizing them, let them in and immediately afterward locked the door.

After the ceremony the bridegroom was asked by Dean Turkevitch whether he intended to come back to the parish.

"I hope so, in the near future," was the reply.

It has been reported yesterday morning that the engaged couple planned to outwit everyone save their closest friends by an early wedding, but the Rev. L. J. Turkevitch, Dean of the Cathedral, who eventually married them, said at that time that he knew of no change in the original intent to have the wedding this afternoon.

However, in the rectory of the Cathedral to-day this notice, signed by the Dean, was posted:

"In order to avoid publicity, the wedding of Mrs. M. B. R. Stephens and Mr. Vonsiatzky-Vonsiatzky took place Friday evening (Feb. 3) at 8.15 o'clock instead of Saturday as intended."

The bride couple did visit the Cathedral yesterday and the Dean said it was for the purpose of signing certain papers required by the church before the ceremony.

The Deacon of the Cathedral, N. Andronoff, assisted the Dean in conducting the marriage ceremony. Mrs. Stephens wore a white bridal gown, but no veil. The groom was in the uniform of a captain in the Russian army. The ring used in the ceremony was of gold instead of the now customary ring of platinum. The service lasted half an hour and was partly in Russian, partly in English.

A choir of twenty-five voices rendered the musical part of the service.

The witnesses to the signing of the marriage register were Paul Leyeas and Lawton Campbell.

NEW LONDON, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Marion B. Ream Stephens, reported married in New York unexpectedly last night, was seen yesterday in Thompson, Conn., and caretakers said this morning the couple was not expected there, as the residence is closed for the winter.

ADMINISTRATORS NAMED FOR HANNA'S DAUGHTER

Girl's Estate Has Increased to More Than \$150,000.

Mark A. Hanna of Watertown, N. Y., and J. McCormick Hanna of Chicago to-day were named by Surrogate Cohan to administer the property of Elisabeth Gordon Hanna of No. 14 East 60th Street.

The girl was born in 1901 and is the daughter of the late Dan Hanna. Her original estate was \$32,500, but through the death of her mother, Mrs. Gordon Pelton, divorced wife of Dan Hanna, she inherited household effects valued at \$12,500, jewelry worth \$72,685, silverware worth \$2,457 and furs worth \$3,619.

DIVERS FIND BREAK IN S. I. WATER MAIN

Will Have to Remove 9-Foot Length to Repair It.

Divers repairing the leak in the 36-inch main running under the Upper Bay from Brooklyn to Staten Island with Catskill water, reported to-day that it may be necessary to remove a 9-foot length of the pipe, provided the break of the foot of Arietta Street, Tompkinsville, is the only one. How long this would require could not be estimated.

There is a dredge digging for the new docks at this point and it is believed that it may have struck the pipe accidentally and broken it.

GRIFFITH URGES VOTE TO END IRISH DISPUTE

ARTHUR Griffith, President of the Dail, in an interview to-day fully upheld the attitude of Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, in his recent conference with Premier Craig of Ulster. Southern Ireland, he said, stands for self-determination of those sections in the dispute over Ulster's boundary.

TWO POLICE SQUADS COMBINED.

The bomb squad of the Police Department, under command of Lieut. James J. Gegan, and the Italian Squad, headed by Detective Michael Fiaschetti, were to-day combined under the command of Lieut. Gegan, by order of Commissioner Enright. The Bomb Squad numbers ten experienced men, and there are twelve Italian-speaking policemen in the other squad.

SCARLET FEVER OUTBREAK IN FLUSHING.

Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland announced to-day that on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever in Flushing, L. I., he had directed that eight additional physicians and ten additional nurses should be temporarily assigned to that township to co-operate with the regular force already assigned for this purpose.

GAS FROM HEATER KILLS AGED MAN.

Gas escaping from a heater in his room killed Benjamin Bailey, seventy-seven, who lived on the second floor of No. 235 East 26th Street, last night. The police think he accidentally turned the

AL THOMAS PLACED AT HEAD OF STATE LIQUOR INSPECTION

Former Detective Will Have Charge of All Withdrawals, Day Announces.

State Prohibition Director Day announced to-day the appointment of Al Thomas, now a Prohibition enforcement officer, to be chief of the inspection division, where he will have from fifteen to twenty men under him.

Thomas, who was a detective at Police Headquarters and was assigned to the District Attorney's office, retired after twenty-five years' service recently. During the war he had a leave of absence and was connected with the plant protection section of Military Intelligence. He was in charge of the Boston branch. It was his duty to protect the plant, munitions and equipment in the New England division.

In his new position Thomas will have charge of all withdrawal permits of alcohol and whiskey from bonded warehouses. In January only 11,000 gallons were withdrawn. Some month last year the withdrawals amounted to from 250,000 to 300,000 gallons. Director Day expects about 60 per cent of the permits will be cut off.

WHITMAN TO INQUIRE INTO MRS. BROOKS'S CASE

Named Deputy Attorney General at Request of Prosecutor.

Former Gov. Whitman has been appointed a special Deputy Attorney General to investigate the circumstances of the release of Mrs. Lucille E. Brooks from prosecution in connection with the murder of Police Lieut. Floyd Horton.

Mr. Whitman was appointed at the request of District Attorney Banton because Mr. Banton had formerly appeared as counsel for Mrs. Brooks and was thus disqualified to act as prosecutor in a case involving her. She was released after testifying before the Grand Jury, having refused to waive immunity.

DODGES TROLEY, BUS KILL

William Tobin, twenty-two, a clerk who lived at No. 124 Montgomery Avenue, Tompkinsville, S. I., died this morning at Staten Island Hospital after injuries received at midnight when he was run over by a bus operated by the New York City Farm Colony, of New Brighton.

Mr. Tobin was on Monday evening crossing the Richmond Turnpike, Tompkinsville, was struck by the bus. There were only two persons in the vehicle, the driver and another. The driver took him to the hospital, where he died without recovering consciousness.

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